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REMARKS

The foregoing amendment and the remarks which follow are responsive to the Office Action dated September 5, 2006. In that Office Action, claims 2-7 and 13-19 were deemed withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention or species, claims 1, 21 and 22 were rejected and claims 8-12 were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent format.

By the foregoing amendment, the limitations of allowed claims 8-12 have been amended into claim 1 in Markush format, thereby placing independent claim 1 and claims that depend therefrom in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 8-19 have been cancelled in view of the amendment to claim 1.

Additionally, by the foregoing amendment, new dependent 22-26 have been added. These new claims further limit or add to the novel and unobvious subject matter of allowed claim 1 and, thus, are also in condition for allowance.

Also, by the foregoing amendment, an amendment has been made to the specification to clarify the language and to correct usage of a trademark.

No new matter has been added. Support for new claims 22-26 is found throughout the specification including but not limited to page 15.

A three (3) month extension of time is hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the small entity fee for such extension of time as well as any other fees properly deemed to be due in connection with this filing from Deposit Account No. 50-0878.

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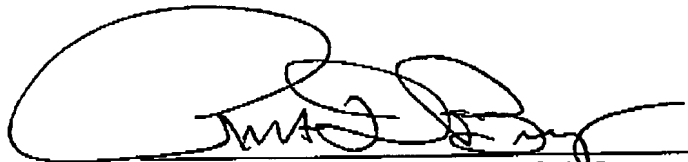
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The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's undersigned counsel to discuss any further measures that may be taken to facilitate issuance of a Notice of Allowance on this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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